

BJA releases grant applications for both State and Local Byrne/JAG grant programs

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Yesterday, the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) released FY10 application packets for both the **state** and **local** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Programs. Both of these programs were part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for FY09. The Byrne/JAG grant program is the leading source of funding for state and local law enforcement agencies, especially for IT projects. Many of the public safety IT projects we are tracking at GovWin rely heavily on grant funding from these two programs.

The JAG program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and court, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, and technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives.

For FY09, BJA processed 1,420 local and 56 state applications totaling more than \$480 million in JAG funding (approximately \$318 million to states and territories and \$165 million to local units of government), an increase of nearly \$321 million from FY08. BJA also administered critical Recovery Act JAG funding in 2009. BJA processed 3,210 local and 56 state applications totaling more than \$1.9 billion in Recovery JAG funding (approximately \$1.2 billion to states and \$748 million to local units of government).

All applications must be submitted via the Office of Justice Programs Grants Management System (GMS). JAG awards are four years in length and no match is required. JAG recipients are required to submit quarterly performance metrics reports, quarterly Financial Status Reports (SF-269s), and an annual programmatic report. Applications for both the state and local Byrne/JAG solicitations are due June 30, 2010.